PRESIDENT: May I point out that such a procedure is not admissible in the case of supplementary grants? There is the President's ruling on the point.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I believe it is only a technical objection and I should be sorry if I am barred from expressing the dissatisfaction of the House in regard to this important matter. I believe it may be possible to bring in a token motion. Whatever may be the objections raised by the other side, I hope the Police Commissioner will bear in mind that the motor services are allowed to run amuck in the State causing danger to life and people.

MR. W. H. PITT (*Commissioner of Police*): I did not quite hear Mr. A. K. Pillai's conclusion.

PRESIDENT: What he said before he sat down was that he quite recognises that there is a ruling on account of which his speech is technically barred and to that he submits without question and, remarking finally, he said that it was possible for him to have brought a token motion on the policy of insufficient control of motor traffic in Travancore.

May I take it that the House sanctions the demand?

The grant was made.

DEMAND XII—EDUCATION.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 48,042 under demand XII—Education. The amount is made up of the following items:—

Rs. 8 being the pay for one month of a female attender proposed to be appointed in the College of Science from Mithunom 1101. In regard to this, I might say that the strength of women students in the College of Science has increased since the bifurcation of the College. Last year, it was 29. To provide for the convenience of these students, a separate room is set apart for them. When they go to their classes, they leave their books, etc., in that room and, when I was Principal of the College, I used to receive complaints from them of the loss of some of those articles and it was not always possible to discover how the loss took place or to recover the lost articles, in the absence of someone who could be made responsible for looking after them. Hence I felt the need for the appointment of a female attender. A female attender was sanctioned for the College of Arts soon after the bifurcation, and it is now proposed to appoint a female attender from Mithunam 1101 for the Science College. Thus the sum of Rs. 8 asked for is to pay her one month's salary in the current year.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): What is the pay of the male attender please?

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MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There is no male attender at all, in the College. There are peons on Rs. 9 and gardeners on Rs. 8½.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether Rs. 8 is sufficient for a female attender?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That is the pay given to the female attender in the Arts College and tha is why I ask for that amount.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether there is a male attender to attend upon male students in the College?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There are no male attenders at all in the College of Science.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether he proposes to have male attenders also to attend on male students?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Male students have no separate room for themselves. So, that question does not arise.

The next item is a sum of Rs. 1,750 required in connection with the institution of the Philosophy Chair in the College of Arts. This House is aware that the College of Arts was provisionally affiliated to the Madras University in July 1925 in Philosophy. At that time, the Director asked for a provisional allotment of Rs. 2,500 in connection with the starting of that Chair. But only a sum of Rs. 1,250 or half of what was asked for was sanctioned in the current year's budget. Subsequently, Dr. Hogg, who was deputed by the Madras University to conduct a local inspection, stated in his report, as a condition for granting affiliation, that the College should be provided with an up-to-date library and with models of the brain and nervous system for the teaching of Psychology. The Director after obtaining the advice of the Principal of the College accordingly asked for a non-recurring grant of Rs. 2,000 and a recurring grant of Rs. 500 for books and another grant of Rs. 500 for the purchase of models or a total of Rs. 3,000 in all. In accordance with the recommendation of Dr. Hogg, we have to provide a sum of Rs. 3,000 lest the provisional affiliation given to us should be withdrawn, and Rs. 1,250 having already been provided in the current year's budget, I now ask for the balance of Rs. 1,750 required for the purpose.

The next item is a sum of Rs. 5,757 required for the purchase of furniture and an iron safe for the use of the new collegiate Hostel. The Members of this House must be aware that a New Hostel is in the course of construction opposite to the Infantry Parade ground. It is expected that that Hostel would be ready for occupation in July next. In order that it may be fit for occupation, it is necessary to provide the necessary furniture. Accordingly furniture was ordered from the P. W. D. Workshop last year. The idea was that the Hostel should be finished and opened in July last. That, however, was not possible. But furniture for the rooms in the Hostel having been made and supplied a sum

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of Rs. 5,457 has to be paid as the cost of that furniture and a further sum of Rs. 300 for the purchase of a safe. Thus the two amounts together make up Rs. 5,757. That is item (*c*).

The next item is a sum of Rs. 1,527, being the amount required for payment of rent for 1101 for the building in which the Caste Hindu Hostel is now housed. The Caste Hindu Hostel is now housed in the building known as the 'Mansion' in Taikad. The monthly rent is Bh. Rs. 125. As I have already stated, at the time the budget estimate for 1101 was prepared, the expectation was that the new hostel which was then in the course of construction would be ready for occupation in July 1925; consequently no provision was made in the budget for the payment of rent for the building. Subsequently, however, this expectation not being realised, the hostel continued to be located in the 'Mansion' even after July 1925 and this arrangement is likely to continue in the next academic year also, since there is a proposal that even after the new collegiate hostel is started, the 'Mansion' should be used as a hostel for the benefit of the students of the College of Arts. That being the case, rent will have to be paid for that building and it is in order to pay a year's rent for it that a sum of Rs. 1,527 is now asked for.

The next item (*e*) Rs. 39,000 is required for the payment of grants-in-aid to Vernacular Schools for Boys and stipends to teachers under training. In the Budget for 1101, a sum of Rs. 5,30,000 has been provided for grants-in-aid to Vernacular Schools for Boys. The sum asked for by the Director was Rs. 5,40,000. But the amount sanctioned was 10,000 rupees less. The Inspector of Vernacular Schools has reported that the payment of recurring grants-in-aid alone will cost about Rs. 5,17,000 or, to be accurate, Rs. 5,16,688. Deducting this amount from the sum of Rs. 5,30,000 sanctioned in the budget, the balance is Rs. 13,312. Out of this balance, the liabilities incurred in 1100 amounting to Rs. 8,456 have to be paid. By liabilities incurred in 1100 is meant grants which were sanctioned towards the close of 1100, but which it was not possible to pay before the end of the year, as they were sanctioned too late to enable payment to be made in that year itself. Deducting the amount of these liabilities from the sum of Rs. 13,312 available out of the sanctioned grant after providing for the recurring aid, the amount available for the payment of fresh grants in the current year comes to Rs. 4,586. Since teachers of the first three classes of Primary Schools are given grants of Rs. 7½ per mensem or Rs. 90 per annum, this amount would suffice for paying the grant to only 53 additional teachers. But the Inspector reports that he has received recommendation from Assistant Inspectors on behalf of as many as 511 teachers already. That is, so many as 511 teachers who were not in receipt of grant-in-aid last year, have been recommended by the Assistant Inspectors of Schools for the payment of grant for the current

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year. Of course, it is possible that, on a close scrutiny of the qualifications, etc., of the teachers so recommended, the Inspector may find that some of them are not eligible for grants according to the Education Code. But, in any case, he thinks that about 500 of these teachers at least will eventually be found to be eligible for grants and consequently he has asked for the sanction of an additional grant of Rs. 45,000 under the head. Again, in the current year's budget, the Director had asked for a sum of Rs. 21,400 under grants for stipends to teachers under training. But the Government sanctioned only a sum of Rs. 18,000. Since then, two new Training Schools have been opened, one at Changanacherry and the other at Tiruvalla. These two schools contain 24 and 16 pupil-teachers respectively. The managers of these schools have to be paid each a stipend grant of Rs. 6¼ for each pupil-teacher under training. As the 40 pupil-teachers in the two schools have to be paid stipend grants at this rate for 10½ months, the amount required comes to Rs. 2,625. The Inspector of Vernacular Schools reports that out of the sum placed at his disposal for the payment of stipends, he has to meet the cost of stipend grants to teachers undergoing training in existing schools and that after making provision for this he will have only Rs. 550 left for paying stipend grants to these 40 pupil-teachers. He has therefore asked for an additional grant of Rs. 2625 *minus* Rs. 550 or Rs. 2,075 under this head. Thus under the two heads of grant-in-aid and stipend grants, he has asked for a supplementary grant of Rs. 45,000 plus Rs. 2,075 or Rs. 47,075. I do not, however, ask this council for a grant of the whole of this amount, but only for Rs. 39,000 which was cut off from the grant of Rs. 8,49,000 asked for by the Director under the head grants-in-aid in his budget estimate for the current year. I trust the House will sanction the grant.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): In view of the fact that the sum of Rs. 1, 527 being the amount required for payment of rent for 1101 was not included in the budget because the Government thought that the new hostel could be occupied in July last and that the furniture required for that purpose was already made, may I know from the Director why the sum required for the purchase of furniture was not included in the budget?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The original expectation was, as I have already said, that the new hostel would be completed and be ready for occupation last July. It was under that impression that orders were placed with the P. W. D. Workshops for making furniture. Later on, there were delays in the completion of the building, the Public Works Department not being able to push on with the work as rapidly as was expected.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know why the orders were placed before the budget was sanctioned?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Then it was thought that the building would be ready for occupation in July. Of course, furniture must also be ready by that time and in

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order that they may be ready, orders had to be placed several months earlier. So, it was at a time when the department expected that the building would be ready for occupation in July, 1925, that it placed the order for furniture. Subsequently, it was found that the building would not be ready in July 1925.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know why the sanction of this Council was not obtained before giving orders for the supply of furniture?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am unable to give the reason.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): If the new hostel could be ready for occupation next July, will it not be enough if a sum is allotted by way of rent for the old Hostel till July.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There is a proposal that the 'Mansion' at Taikad should, from the beginning of the next academic year, be used as a hostel for the students of the College of Arts and, if this is the case, it will have to be occupied for all the 12 months of 1101.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know if that proposal has been finally sanctioned?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am not quite sure on that point.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): As regards item (*a*), may I know whether there has been any complaint from the lady students?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): When was it received?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I asked for a female attender early in July in the beginning of the last academic year after the Director had submitted the budget estimate.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is there no difference between a female attender and a male attender? For instance under Demand XIX there is one Library attendant on Rs. 15 per mensem. Is there any difference between a male attender in the Public Library and a female attender with regard to the duties and responsibilities?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The female attender, now asked for, is for the College of Science. She need not have any educational qualification whatsoever. She has only to keep watch over the lady students' room and see that the things left by them in the room when they go to their classes are safe.

MR. K P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is she not expected to wait between 9 A. M. and 5 P. M.?

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MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No. She is expected to be there a little before 10 and can leave soon after 4.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the present hostel will continue as a Caste Hindu Hostel after July?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am unable to answer that question. I have not had sufficient time to familiarise myself with all that has happened with regard to every matter in the Director's Office.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I think it will be more proper to split up the various items in the demand and submit them to the vote of the House. For example, you may go first to the female attender and then go on step by step.

PRESIDENT: Well, we can split it up when it comes to voting. The discussion may be on the whole Demand.

I think the House will now adjourn till 3 o' clock when it will start with the debate on this demand.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2-2 P. M. and reassembled at 3-5 P. M., the Deputy President presiding.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I regret that I have to oppose the demand for appointing a female attender in the College of Science. It is not because I do not want to give reasonable convenience and comfort to the lady students of the Science College, but because the *great* sum of Rs. 8 which Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar has demanded for paying this female attender is so ridiculous that I think it is my duty to oppose the demand. At the same time, I appreciate the noble sentiments that underlie the proposal particularly when it comes from Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar. It is well known, Sir, that there have been lady students in the College of Science even in the last year and the year before the last, but I do not find any reason why the lady students of the Science College this year should in any way be treated better than those in the last year and there is no reason why this matter should not have been brought before this House before this time.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He explained it and said that he sent up a proposal already.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): One of his reasons is that after the bifurcation of the Colleges a female attender was appointed in the College of Arts. That is no reason why the conveniences of the lady students of the Science College should be forgotten for such a long period. Therefore, that reason does not commend itself to me,

Then, I have to say that the ladies are treated preferentially everywhere. It should be so not only in colleges and schools but in courts of law too. Therefore, it is in the fitness of things that when

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we give them any kind of preferential treatment, we should give them the necessary quantity of it. I ask, is the sum of Rs. 8 enough for a woman to keep her body and soul together? Of course, in another place we find that for a male attendant in the Library Rs. 15 is demanded.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That too he explained by saying that the Library Attendant must be able to read and pick up any book that is required.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Let it be any reason. What I say is that females must be treated preferentially. If a lady attender is required at all, this paltry sum of Rs. 8 is entirely insufficient and we have been noting from time to time that modest proposals are made in the matter of appointing a peon or in the matter of appointing an attendant or a poor schoolmaster, but in the matter of appointing big officers, the Government do not grudge at all to give big sums as salary. Therefore, I think, if Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar is more particular about the appointment of a female attender, he must also see that she is decently paid so that she may live a good life (*laughter*) with her small provision.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Certainly, if the House is prepared to grant more, I believe he will bring up a fresh demand at the next session.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I believe so. Therefore, since Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar has expressed that because there is no female attender in the Science College, the difficulty is felt for so many years, we are also convinced that there should be a female attender. But what I propose is she should be given a decent pay, that is Rs. 15. To put it openly she should not be compelled to take recourse to some subsidiary source of income while she is the lady attender in the Science College. Therefore I hope that Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar would ask for at least Rs. 15 to be paid to the female attender and I hope he will realise the wisdom and mercy of giving her the minimum wage which will enable her to live well.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar, do you want to say anything in reply?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I suppose only one portion of the motion is now under discussion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No, the whole motion is under discussion. Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar has not begun to speak and if anybody has got any remarks to offer about the other items, the discussion may take place generally. But the voting of each item can take place separately.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): It is very unfortunate that a better term could not be found for the female attender. All that they require is an additional attender. It was not necessary to have described what kind of attender was needed and all that. I should consider that it was very unfortunate.

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But coming to another and more important matter, I may refer to (*e*) "Rs. 39,000 required for payment of grants-in-aid to Vernacular Schools for Boys and stipends to teachers under training." The explanation offered by Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar was that when the budget was prepared, Government did not grant the whole amount and therefore it became necessary for the Director to come forward and ask for an additional grant just now. It is a matter for very deep concern that the Government are not acting properly and well with regard to the grant-in-aid schools and also these teachers. I cannot understand how the Government can withhold the grant for these nine months and then ask the Director to come forward and ask for a supplementary grant. All these schools, I presume, must have been in existence at the time the budget was prepared and yet the Government, I do not know for what reason, did not think it necessary to allow the grant. Now, to the extent of Rs. 39,000 these schools were not paid at all and the poor teachers must have been in very great difficulties for all these nine months. The Director is now asking for an additional grant. I am not attacking the Director for the regrettable state of affairs in which the grant-in-aid schools are placed by the indifference and apathy of the Government. It is on that ground that I have to oppose this portion of the demand.

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): I should like to echo the sentiments expressed by Mr. A. K. Pillai with regard to the treatment meted out to the grant-in-aid schools in the country. I can speak from personal experience that teachers who have been working in grant-in-aid schools for months and months are told at last that they are not to be given any grant. That creates a good deal of inconvenience and trouble not only to the teachers but also to the managers, mostly missionaries. I hope Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar will see that that state of things is not allowed to continue so long as he has any responsibility for the administration of the Department.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): With respect to the teachers on whose behalf an amount is now demanded by Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar by way of grant-in-aid I have also a word to say. First of all, Sir, this is a supplementary demand for grant that has been made. Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar says that the Assistant Inspectors of Schools have made certain recommendations showing the number of teachers on whose behalf the grant will have to be made. He does not say that the final authority to accept the recommendation of the Assistant Inspectors has accepted the recommendation; nor does he say that the Government have accepted the recommendation made by the Assistant Inspectors of Schools. Ultimately he himself admitted that there is a possibility of some changes being made in the matter of these recommendations. Since it is doubtful whether the number of teachers, about 500, now recommended by the Inspectors of Schools, would fulfil the necessary qualifications so that they may be given the grant now claimed, with respect to this portion of the demand we seem to be rather on a nebulous ground. The exact amount that may be

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required for the teachers ultimately is not before the House. In the matter of a supplementary grant, the rules, that is, clauses (i) and (ii) of Rule 53 indicate that a need must have arisen during the current year for the additional demand. The exact nature of the need that has arisen during the current year is not before the House. So much so, with respect to that portion of the Demand, I feel that I am not on firm ground to agree with the demand made by the esteemed Director of Public Instruction. To that extent, I am sorry I cannot support the demand.

With respect to the female attender, I certainly participate the very noble sentiments expressed by my friend Mr. Nilakanta Pillai. But it is none of our business to suggest any appropriation of revenue for utilisation for anybody in service in Travancore. Now they seem to be in a position to get at a female attender for Rs. 8. Why should we complain about that? So, while sharing the views of Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, I fear Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is carrying the warfare into the enemy's camp unnecessarily by suggesting a course to Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar as to how he should make the demand. With respect to the rest of the demand, I find it rather difficult to oppose. Only with respect to a portion I have not been satisfied as to the legal tenability of the demand itself and on that ground I oppose it, to that extent.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, with respect to why a female attender was not asked for earlier, I might say that there were very few women students in the science classes till the bifurcation. At the time of bifurcation, when the Arts classes were sent to Taikad, the bulk of our women students, excepting about half a dozen or so, also went to Taikad. So, the number of women students in the science college in the first year after bifurcation was comparatively small. It was when I began to receive complaints from the lady students of thefts of various little articles that they had left behind in their room, that I realised the necessity for appointing a female attender. If I had made provision for the post in the budget estimate for 1100, it would probably have been sanctioned. But it escaped my attention, nor was it brought to my notice by the office then. I discovered the mistake only in the beginning of the next academic year, that is in last July. Then I addressed the Director on the matter. But as by that time he had sent up his budget estimate to Government, he did not take action on my recommendation. That was why this additional expenditure was not sanctioned in the budget for 1101. Not having been sanctioned then, I believe that there was no intermediate occasion for asking for this grant and that this is the proper occasion. That is the reason for the delay.

With regard to the adequacy of the salary, of course, there may be differences of opinion. But considering that the attender need not have any literary qualification, and it is enough if she belongs to the illiterate cooly class, considering also the wages that a woman of that

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class is able to earn in the town and again considering the fact that the sum of Rs. 8 is the pay paid to the female attender in the College of Arts, I did not think that I would be justified in recommending anything more.

With regard to the item of Rs. 39,000 for grant-in-aid to schools and for stipends to pupil-teachers under training, I must admit that in past years these estimates have not been framed with as much accuracy as is possible. In fact, the Inspector of Vernacular Schools himself admits that that has been the case and promises that in future he will try to see that there is no repetition of it.

With regard to the remarks of Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, I have to state that the applications for grants are received in the Inspector's office early in the beginning of the school year. He forwards these applications to the Assistant Inspectors. The Assistant Inspectors go to the individual schools. They have to satisfy themselves by personal inspection as to whether the schools satisfy the conditions for receiving grant-in-aid. It is only after conducting such local inspections that they can recommend grants, so that, even with the greatest diligence, it is physically impossible for them to forward their reports till the Christmas vacation. These reports begin to arrive in the office of the Inspector of Vernacular Schools from January onwards. The Inspector either passes orders on them as he receives them, or, if he is busy otherwise, passes orders afterwards. From a letter of the Inspector of Vernacular Schools recently received, I find that he has not yet passed orders on all the reports that he has received from the Assistant Inspectors and that more reports will still be coming in. Again, the Inspector says that as he cannot now prophesy in how many cases he will eventually sanction grants and in how many refuse them, he cannot now give an exact estimate of the additional sum that he will require but can state it only approximately. I may add that the Inspector of Vernacular Schools is the final authority in the matter of grants to Vernacular Schools. He is competent, according to the Inspection Code or the Educational Code—I forget which—, according to one or the other, to sanction grants to Vernacular Schools. The amount now asked for is Rs. 39,000 and after deducting from it the sum of Rs. 2,000 necessary for the grant of stipend grants to pupil-teachers, there will remain the sum of Rs. 37,000. This would be enough to give fresh grants to about 411 teachers. If this is found insufficient, the payment of a portion of the grants will have to be postponed to the next year. I do not think the amount now asked for can be considered excessive.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know if he does not expect some amount of respectability and conduct on the part of the female attender who has to be entertained in the College?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Certainly, if there is the slightest suspicion of any misbehaviour on her part, she will at once be turned out from the premises. I can assure the Member on that point.

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MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : Does he expect respectability from a cooly attender who is paid only Rs. 8?

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : That is a matter of opinion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I will now put the demand under education part by part. The first item, that is, part (*a*) is Rs. 8 required on account of the pay, for one month, of one female attender in the College of Science. May I take it that the House accepts the demand?

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The next item is Rs. 1,750 required for the institution of Philosophy Chair in the College of Arts. I take it that the House accepts the demand.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The next item is Rs. 5,757 required for purchase of furniture and an iron safe for the use of the new College Hostel. I take it the House sanctions the amount.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The next item is Rs. 1,527, being the amount required for payment of rent for 1101 for the building in which the Caste Hindu Hostel is now housed. I take it that the House accepts the demand.

The grant was made.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Lastly, there is the item of Rs. 39,000 required for payment of grants-in-aid to Vernacular Schools for Boys and stipends to teachers under training. May I take it that the House sanctions this amount also?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : I object.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIII.—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 870 under Demand XIII, Agriculture and Fisheries, on account of the pay of the Economic Botanist and his staff for five months commencing from the 1st Kumbham last. The pay of the Economic Botanist is Rs. 150 a month, and he has a staff consisting of an attendant on Rs. 15 and a peon on Rs. 9, so that the amount required for a month is Rs. 174, and the total required for 5 months from Kumbhom onwards is Rs. 870. The Economic Botanist was appointed tentatively for 2 years from the beginning of Tulam 1099. This period should have expired by the end of Kanni 1101, but when the budget for the current year was sanctioned towards the end of last year, the period was extended by four months, so that the tentative period actully expired by the end of Makaram last. When the budget for the current year was under consideration, the Economic Botanist had hardly

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